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Hello Readers,

Welcome to the October 2024 edition of The Laura Standard.

The Countryside is certainly on the turn now, and with the lack of rain, things are looking a bit thin on the ground. Hopefully the farmers can salvage something from the season and we, as a community, can band together a look forward to more prosperous times ahead.

The LCDTA held their AGM on Wednesday 21st of August at the Laura Civic Centre. A good turnout saw 2 new members join and the following committee elected:

CHAIRMAN – Gerald Higgins

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LAURA STANDARD – Sue Scarman (Editor – Wayne Gifford)

CIVIC CENTRE – Sue Scarman

LAURA NATURE PLAYGROUND – Sophie Millington

MEMBERS – Bevan Smith, Catherine Blesing, Kelly Burton, Anthony Lines, Karen Zwar, Hannah Pech, Sarah McCauley and Mark Maitland.

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This year's AGM saw the retirement of Barry Harvie, after many years as not only a member of the LCDTA but also as chairman of the Laura Community Caravan Park. Having retired to Laura in 2009 from the Appila District, where he had also been a long-standing member on many committees including the Appila Ag Bureau, Appila Improvement Association, Stacey Park Trust and CFS, just to name a few, Barry wasted no time in becoming very involved in the Laura community. Having had stints as Chairman of both the LCDTA and The Laura Fair committees he has also, as Chairman, seen the Laura Community Caravan Park go from strength to strength to being one of the most popular parks for tourist as they pass through our district. Barry's many years of volunteering were recognized in January this year when he was awarded the Northern Areas Council "Citizen of the Year" on Australia Day. On behalf of the LCDTA I'd like to thank Barry for all his efforts and wish both he and Eleanor many years of health and happiness as they take a step back and enjoy some time for themselves.

The Laura Nature Playground committee have been busy, receiving an alternate quote for stage 1 of the plan. The council have been involved in trimming the trees to make sure they are safe for everyone to play on and the committee are hopeful that this first stage will be completed in time for next year's Football/Netball season.

The LCDTA have been asked by the Wirrabara 150th committee to help out with their celebrations by running the canteen on the Saturday of the October long weekend. Hopefully they can enjoy some good weather as many people return to Wirrabara for what looks to be a fantastic weekend of festivities.

On behalf of the LCDTA I'd like to wish everyone a safe next few months.

Thanks
Gerald Higgins
Chairman LCDTA





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Arts D Tree contest is to be drawn on the park lawns on Saturday November 23rd at 10am. Originally advertised as BBQ food available. Food has been redacted.

I will need entries by Tuesday 13th November. Can be dropped off at Laura Information Centre when open if need be.

All other enquiries contact Gibba 0435587695.



The Keipert Connection



The recent unveiling of the monument and sign for the Keipert Crown Foundry was a success from several aspects. It came about through the enthusiasm of John Keipert (who designed and constructed the monument) and the long term interest in the Keipert enterprise of Ian McKenzie, together with the backing of Rocky River Historic & Art Society assisted by a Northern Areas Council Community Grant. The late Jim Hawkett of Limberlost was also an advocate for this recognition.

About forty members of the Keipert family from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia gathered in Laura for the unveiling of the monument.

The occasion coincided with the 140th anniversary of the citizenship of Heinrich Johann Keipert who came to Laura in 1878 as manager of implement manufacturer Forsaith & Daniels. He later purchased the business and erected new premises on the corner of Herbert Street and South Terrace. Henry Keipert developed the foundry which employed up to fifty staff producing a range of products of which ploughshares were the mainstay. (read the sign for more info!)

A significant aspect of the day was the strong attendance of locals at the unveiling. This local welcome was especially gratifying to members of the Keipert family, as it is almost ninety years since the Keipert's had left our town.

The Keipert monument is the second of an ongoing project recognizing the Industrial Heritage of Laura. The first was unveiled during the 150th celebrations of Laura, recognizing the enterprise of Forsaith & Daniels.

Greg Slattery
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The Laura Events Committee Update Laura Trails Bike & Hike Festival 18 - 19th October 2025.



With the introduction of our new brand "Laura Events" and the Branding for the Festival we are now ready to commence our marketing activities, along with the preparations for the event.

We welcome 3 new members to the committee and thank them for their enthusiasm, taking our numbers to 10.

The Sponsorship Prospectus is now being finalised by 3 committee members. Our members will commence distribution early in January 2025. Initial fundraising activities are also in place to include the following:

- We have registered for a stand at the Laura Fair April 2025 where we will have brochures, entry forms and information about the Laura Trails, Bike and Hike Festival.
- On the 3rd May 2025 we will host the participants of the 2025 **SABike Odessey Tour**, hosting dinner for 250 participants at the Laura Civic Centre.
- We can announce that activities for Sunday 19th October are already underway. We have SAPOL approval to close Herbert Street from Hughes Street to Victoria Street from 7.30am to 4.30pm. The street will host our visitors to a BBQ breakfast street festivities to follow, including buskers, food, rides for kids and market garden stalls for local small businesses. All traders will be invited to decorate their shop fronts with the Bike & Hike theme. Bike and Hike participants will receive sample bags promoting all our Laura traders along with offers to visit and support them. More details to follow.



ENQUIRIES

Contact Sharon Medlow Smith 0411 760 236 or
email sharon@cocolaura.com.au or
Ian White - Chair Laura Events on 0473 506 956

*Website address, Email and Facebook
addresses will be provided in our November
update in the Laura Standard.*

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Positions available in

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- Spalding
- Jamestown

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Successful applicants can chose to work at one or multiple locations and will be responsible for the supervision of all users of the pool and its facilities ensuring safe pool standards are applied.

No experience needed! Training is provided for the following:

- Life Guard Qualification (16 years and over)
- Senior First Aid Certificate

Successful applications will need to:

- attend a training session held in Jamestown on the 25th & 26th October 2024
- provide a Working With Children Check
- provide a National Criminal History Clearance Certificate.

Please refer to the position description available on Northern Areas Council website www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au for further information.

Send your application (with a resume) and two current referees to HR Officer, via email to hr@nacouncil.sa.gov.au

Further enquiries can be directed to Louise Burford, Manager Community Growth on 8664 1139 or louise.burford@nacouncil.sa.gov.au

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Artists and their Art Forms

Kate Sleath – Metal Whimsey

In this edition of The Laura Standard we meet Kate Sleath whose passion is Metal upcycling (Whimsey).



Kate's work in metal began about 10 years ago. She was inspired to start when she saw a plasma cutter in a neighbour's shed. – a plasma cutter is a hand held cutting tool needing an air compressor, a power supply and a steady hand. Kate is adamant that the plasma cutter is easy to use.

Her art is inspired by patterns and shapes particularly those found on things like greeting cards, wall paper and occasionally Pinterest. Kate draws on her metal object in chalk, rubs out and redraws until she is happy with the shapes and styles she has developed. She then hand cuts with the plasma cutter. "It's fun to turn scrap into rusty garden art."

Kate's workshop is an open shed, overlooking a dam. – "It's not unusual to get a goanna wandering through" Kate says.

She upcycles rusty metal into some of what you see here. Kate will use anything from rusty galvanised iron, saws, shovels, buckets, bread tins, tool boxes and the list goes on. At one time she repurposed an old Singer sewing machine into amazing garden ornaments.

If you are looking for inspirational gifts or just that little whimsey for your own garden Kate's work is for sale at the Laura Emporium.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day on 11 November is also known as **Armistice Day**. It marks the end of World War One, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

Traditionally a two-minute silence is held at 11am on 11/11 to remember those who died in wars.

CJ Dennis is known as the creator of the Sentimental Bloke. He also contributed a regular column to the Melbourne *Herald* about items of current interest; similar to the writings of Max Fatchen in *The Advertiser*. Through the 1920s and until his death in 1938 CJ penned tributes for Anzac Day and Armistice Day.

This poem, ***Two Minutes***, was first published in *The Herald*, on 11 November 1931. It describes the emotions of war and victory, but more poignantly drew attention to the plight of the thousands of Australian returned soldiers who as well as coping with the physical and emotional scars of wartime service were facing another battle - waging a grim, exhausting fight against the rigors of unemployment and adversity during the Great Depression of the early 1930s.

Two Minutes by CJ Dennis

The Armistice....A silence shrouds the city:
Men's heads are bowed and many an eye is wet,
As minds con o'er an olden tale of pity,
Of grief and terror no man may forget.
Then thro' the silence break old sounds - the cheering,
The marching feet, the clattering limber wheel;
And, thro' the tears, blurred pictures are appearing
Of leaf-brown soldiers and the glint of steel.

The Armistice....A sound comes now of weeping:
New pictures form, and merge, and fade away
In grim succession, thro' the dread years creeping
Unto the dawning of this Glorious Day.
"The Peace! The Victory!" Done is the grieving,
As thro' the land speeds that exultant roar.
Yet, thro' it all, a thread of pain goes weaving -
Pain for the men who marched to march no more.
The Armistice....Now bugles cease their wailing;
The Silence ends, and life flows on, once more....

And this our tribute; what is it availing
While living warriors still plead at our door?
Warriors yet, grown old, but ever keeping
The grim fight on, unarmed, unmailed, unled.
Is all our debt to quit ghosts, long sleeping?
Mourner, return. You would not mock the dead?



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This collection aims to support residents who are elderly or have a disability.

To take part: You must book your collection by 5pm on Friday 25 October by phoning one of our offices:

Jamestown 86641139

Gladstone 8662 2018

Spalding 8845 2017

On the evening prior to the scheduled collection date, place your green waste on the edge of the roadway. Make sure the pile does not impede pedestrians and vehicles, or access to service pits and fire hydrants.

Accepted:

- * Branches (small-medium)**
- * Rose pruning**
- * Shrubs etc**

Not accepted:

- x Lawn clippings**
- x Weeds**
- x Household waste, tyres and chemicals**

Please note bookings are essential, there will be no repeat trips and large piles will not be removed from private property.

A limit of 3 cubic metres (i.e. 8x4 trailer load) per household will be allowed.

Collection dates are as follows:

Spalding	Monday 28 October
Gulnare & Yacka	Tuesday 29 October
Georgetown	Wednesday 30 October
Gladstone	Wednesday 30 October / Thursday 31 October
Caltowie	Friday 1 November
Jamestown	Friday 1 November / Monday 4 November
Laura & Stone Hut	Tuesday 5 November

Coming February 2025! Our new kerbside green waste initiative will provide township households with a monthly collection service. This will replace the annual collection. More details coming soon!

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In 2024 please continue to forward your articles in a **word document**, font set at **Arial, size 11** with photos attached in jpeg format, along with a logo if required to lcdta5480@gmail.com by 5pm on the following dates:

**** November 22nd 2024 ****

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- **Council Office** Jamestown 8664 1139, 1300 664 108
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Please keep articles short and concise as room is limited.

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for inclusion in the December
edition of The Laura Standard is
5pm Friday, November 22nd 2024.

In times like these.

Andrew McDonough has written a short children's book called Bob the Bird, which includes mention of a farmer who has sown his crop but is now, understandably, becoming anxious.

*'What if it doesn't rain? What if the plants don't grow?
What if I don't have enough food for my family?'*

This is the present reality for so many of our farmers right now. When I talk with farming families, in fact with most locals, the conversation very quickly turns to the season we're having.

*"It's the worst season in my living memory".
"I doubt I'll be getting the header out this year."*

There are deep concerns about the financial impact, the flow on effect to local businesses and of course the risks to mental health for those who are already stretched with the rapidly rising cost of living.

In McDonough's story, Bob the Bird overhears the farmer's concerns. And he asks his friend, Kevin the Quail, whether the farmer has a Father in heaven who cares for him as much as He cares for the birds. Bob's question echoes Jesus' words to his own farming community 2000 years ago. Jesus said:

"Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns; for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you more valuable to him than they are?"

The churches in this town and region continue to pray for rain. But no matter the outcome, we also hold Jesus' words as a personal message to each one of us: *"You are valuable. You matter to me. You have a heavenly Father who cares for you."*

Pastor Jenny Pryor (0407 999 871)
Laura Baptist Christian Community: House of Hope.